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SUBJECT: DONATION OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES TO GURUKULA
ISLAND HOME

1. MRS. JAMES F. NEWTON OF LOS OLIVOS, CALIFORNIA,
HAS SENT SECRETARY COPY OF LETTER TO INDIAN AMBASSADOR
T.N. KAUL CONCERNING GURUKULA ISLAND HOME'S (RAMANTHALI
P.O., CANNANORE DIST., KERALA) INABILITY TO OBTAIN
CUSTOMS RELEASE IN COCHIN OF MEDICAL SUPPLIES AND
PHARMACEUTICALS DONATED BY DIRECT RELIEF FOUNDATION.
COPY APPARENTLY ALSO WENT TO AMBASSADOR MOYNIHAN.

2. ACCORDING TO LETTER RECEIVED BY MRS. NEWTON FROM
MICK MONESSON, MANAGER OF GURUKULA ISLAND HOME,
CUSTOMS AUTHORITIES ARE DEMANDING IMPORT LICENSE AFTER
HAVING PREVIOUSLY AND CONSECUTIVELY REQUESTED AND
BEEN PROVIDED (A) BILL OF LADING; (B) SIGNED INVOICE
OF ALL GOODS IN THE SHIPMENT; (C) STATEMENT FROM DISTRICT
COLLECTOR THAT SUPPLIES INTENDED FOR FREE DISTRIBUTION.
NEWTONS PAID FOR SHIPPING COSTS TOTALLING 385 DOLS AND
ARE NOW CONCERNED THAT DEMURRAGE ACCUMULATING ON SHIPMENT
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WILL MEAN IT WILL NEVER BE RELEASED.

3. WE DO NOT KNOW WHAT STATUS OF GURUKULA ISLAND
HOME IS IN EYES OF GOI, BUT DIRECT RELIEF
FOUNDATION IS REGISTERED WITH AID'S ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ON VOLUNTARY FOREIGN AID. UNLESS CONGEN OR EMBASSY
PERCEIVES OBJECTION, SUGGEST YOU INQUIRE WITH
APPROPRIATE AUTHORITIES TO SEE IF RELEASE OF SHIPMENT
CAN BE EXPEDITED. INGERSOLL

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